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Now, my Lord, I leave the rest to your serious consideration: I do not undertake to say what is your interest in it, you know it in *England*: and I were overbold if I did presse it upon you. However I may tell you how dangerous 'twould prove to let the *Lorrainer* grow too Potent against the *Palatine*, especially because the *French* is like to succeed him in that Dukedom, and for ought we know doth encourage him to. Upon this occasion therefore it were a Christian and Princely resolution to lay by animositys if any there be, and assist the weak if it be possible, to prevent further demolitions, and methinks 'twere also wisdom in any one who hath grounds to pretend to that succession, to hinder the destruction of that which one day may happen to be theirs; and I am fully perswaded that there is no service the *English* would go upon so heartily as this.

But perhaps you will tell me, 'tis policy not to engage, for fear this should be a precedent for others to do the like on the contrary side, but 'tis a thing very disputable whether this be a sufficient ground to dissuade you from it, and suppose I grant it, yet there are several indirect and by wayes to do it, even as we think the *Lorrainer* hath encouragement from others; at least I know it were neither honourable, nor advantageous, to suffer that branch of the *English* Royal blood to be cut off, whilst it is in your power to prevent it, though I hope it will never come to that.

This is my Lord all that I have at present to communicate to you, leaving your Statemen before it be too late to make upon it such serious reflections as the matter deserves: however I hope if you do not assist so excellent a Prince, you will countenance him in the Treaty, which they say is shortly to begin; or at least pray for a blessing upon his Person and continual prosperity of his Armes.

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Non equidem existimandum est
(Provice. Chancellarij dignissi-
me, hujusce Collegii Modera-
tor sapientissime, cæterique
Auditores benevoli) In despera-
tis ac perditis sic esse nostri sæculi Theologia n,
ut popularem morbum nemo declinet, adver-
tat nemo. Sunt quos ego meo judicio cum ve-

terum Doctorum laude aliqua ex parte con-
jungam, & quamvis nullus hic forte sit, cui pi-
etate antiquos cedere velim, non istamen-
sum qui (ut Porta elegantissimus)

*Nisi quæ terris semota, suisque
Temporibus defuncta videt, fastidit & odit,
Miraturque nihil, nisi quod libitina sacravit.*

Vetularum somnium est dicere jam vetulam
& effœtam naturam, vel nihil, vel monstra pa-
rere; ingenii vim ad hæc ultima tempora nobis
conservare non potuisse; qui vos (sapientissimi
viri) vel norunt, satis norunt perennem illius
esse fecunditatem & æternam, omnique ævo
nasci aliquos antiquis moribus sapientes; quam-
obrem

*Quid juvat antiquos semper celebrare triumphos,
Tristia quos dum mersere silentia letho,
Majoresque fide nunquam fabula fingit :
Clara celebremus nostri miracula sæcli,
Et proprium huic ævo non invidemus honorem.*

Vos

Vos ergo invicti pugiles, afflataque Phœbo
 Pectora, quos circum litui, fractæque secures,
 Et detracta suis dependent hostibus arma.
 Vos quibus omne patet sacræ penetrale sophiæ
 Qui Dublinensi lurgos de fonte liquores
 Ducitis, & quorum divinis Anglia dictis
 Emicat, & sese non solum Marte secundo (ipsa
 Vindicat Europæ dominam, sed Apolline, &
 Pallade concordiam fœdere jungit utrumque
 Spectandi radiis, proprii sat luminis ornēs,
 Quo minus ambitiosa, premat vos alta vetustas
 Vix ea, vix certè lux esset tanta, parentum
 Si series, quam longa, locum densetur in unum,
 Totque simul decorum mixto splendore laboret,
 Egregium formare decus, quot tempora vixit.

Sed tu præcipuè qui doctum ducere turbam
 Natus es, æternæ clarissima portio famæ,
 Da facilem musæ veniam, vultuque secundo
 Aspice quæ serimus tantæ præconi laudis.

Satis enim exploratum est (viri sapientissimi)
 quod

ementis 6)

quod nihil ~~amantia~~ laudis aspergam, fidem
publicæ famæ appello, nota omnibus loquor, sic
etenim est vita vestra, V. S. ita est perpetua vitio-
rum censura, norma morum, & virtutum ima-
go, ut quantum alii ad bene agendum, tantum
vos ad peccandum laborem patiamini; sicut
enim Dii immortales (quod olim *Seneca*) nul-
lam dedicere virtutem (cum omni quippe edi-
ti) Ita inquam ego ad vestrum animum ima-
ginem virtutum accedere, nec illas addiscere
sed repetere, nec audire tum primum, sed re-
minisci, quodque de æternitate animorum
commentus est *Plato*, Illud omne verum esse,
videri confirmare, alta fruimini tranquillitate in
hac ætatis procella, moribus estis ab omni fu-
co; verbis ab omni fallacia alienis eo sæculo,
quo fallere ludus est & quædam quasi ars urba-
nitatis.

Quorsum enim attinet dicitote (viri sapien-
tissimi) ingenium excolere scientia, si animus
vitiis maculetur? quæ stultitia mentem doctri-
na vestire, ut tanta scientia honorem exhibeat
diabo-

diabolo ? quæ vanitas animam locupletare, ut dives & dotata ad inferum ditem præcipitur.

Sed vidistis (viri sapientissimi) magnam esse sapientiæ & pietatis inter se necessitudinem, ut plerumque neque virtutis gustum habeant qui literas non gustarunt, & divinarum rerum suavitate sese facilius capi sentiant, qui inularum suavitate alliciuntur, quantam ad scientiam, tantam ad probitatem voluistis fieri accessionem, ad quarum fastigium quam brevi tempore vos perduxerunt natura non præcox, sed exuberans & plena, assidua exercitatio, in discendo labor, in labore methodus, in methodo constantia.

Tam difficile & arduum mihi esset recensere, quam à modestia vestra alienum, In tot tantisque referendis æque ac vos (viri sapientissimi) in audiendis laborarem, major in me eloquentia, minor in vobis modestia desideraretur. Malo ergo (pro beneficiis jam acceptis) vestras laudes reticere, quam vobis esse importunus recitator, & quandoquidem sic mea te-

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nuitas cum patore vestro coaspiret, silentio
& amore venerabor, quod nequeo verbis præ-
dicare, & laudandi finem faciam, ut semper re-
maneat locus imitandi.

Dixit decima die Iulii

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F I N I S.
